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City of Barrie

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Seniors and Accessibility Advisory Committee

Monday, May 26, 2025 | **4:00 PM** | **Sir Robert Barrie Room**

SENIORS AND ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT
For Consideration by the Community Safety Committee on June 11, 2025.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Councillor N. Nigussie 4:02 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 7 - Chair – Councillor N. Nigussie
R. Garvin
G. Kavanagh
W. Krever
R. Meier
H. Platt
E. Saba

Absent: 3 - C. Kenwell
W. Delo
K. MacDonald

STAFF:
Associate Director of Waste Management and Environmental Sustainability, S. Mack
Legislative Coordinator, D. Glenn
Manager, Health and Safety, K. Cooper
Manager of Solid Waste Management Policy and Planning, B. Mitchell
Recreation Programmer, H. Kenehan

The Seniors and Accessibility Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

ACCESSIBILITY AND AUTOMATED CART COLLECTION

Stephanie Mack, Associate Director of Waste Management and Environmental Sustainability and Bridget Mitchell, Manager of Solid Waste Management Policy and Planning provided a presentation regarding the Accessibility and Automated Cart Collection program.

Ms. Mack and Ms. Mitchell discussed slides concerning the following:

- Automated cart collection program;
- Organics and garbage cart sizes available;
- Cart storage and cart limits based on number of residential units;
- Benefits of the carts and accessibility considerations; and
- Overview of the Assisted Waste Collection Program (in development)

Members of committee asked questions and received responses.

PRESENTATION REGARDING THE BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS AWARENESS PROGRAM

Representatives from the Innisfil Accessibility Advisory Committee provided a presentation regarding the Breaking Down Barriers Awareness Program.

The representatives discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- Overall purpose of the program;
- Overview of the wheelchair, hearing, vision and interactive/sensory demonstrations;
- Resources and equipment used, as well as the committee and staff volunteers; and
- Testimonials and current supporters.

Members of committee asked a number of questions and received responses.

JUNE IS SENIORS' MONTH

Heather Kenehan, Recreation Programmer in the Recreation and Culture Services Department provided a brief update regarding Senior's Month. Ms. Kenehan advised that the City is hosting a number of events for the month to celebrate.

MYAP BRIEF UPDATE

Karen Cooper, Manager of Health and Safety provided an update to the committee regarding the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan. Ms. Cooper advised that a consultant has been hired to assist with the draft plan.

Ms. Cooper advised that this week is National AccessAbility Week and that the theme this year is “Breaking barriers together: Paving the way for an inclusive future”.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

CHAIRMAN